

## United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas

Bob Casey U.S. Courthouse, 515 Rusk Avenue, Houston, TX 77002  
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### Number of Judgeships: 19

**Areas Covered:** Counties of Aransas, Austin, Bee, Brazoria, Brazos, Brooks, Calhoun, Cameron, Chambers, Colorado, DeWitt, Duval, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Grimes, Harris, Hidalgo, Jackson, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, La Salle, Lavaca, Live Oak, Madison, Matagorda, McMullen, Montgomery, Nueces, Refugio, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Starr, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Webb, Wharton, Willacy and Zapata

### Court Staff

Clerk of Court **Michael N. Milby** ..... (713) 250-5500  
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### Hayden Head

Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1944

Education: Texas 1967 BA, 1968 LLB

Began Service: October 26, 1981

Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Head & Kendrick (1968-1969); Associate, Head & Kendrick (1972-1976); Partner, Head, Kendrick & Head (1976-1981)

**Military Service:** United States Navy (1969-1972)

**Current Memberships:** District Judges Association; Federal Judges Association; Maritime Law Association; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation

### Staff

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### Chambers of District Judge George P. Kazen

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### George P. Kazen

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1940

Education: Texas 1960 BBA, 1961 JD

Began Service: 1979

Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, St. Mary's University Law School (1990-1999)

**Government:** Briefing Attorney, Texas Supreme Court (1961-1962)

**Judicial:** Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas (2003)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Mann, Freed, Kazen & Hansen (1965-1979)

**Military Service:** United States Air Force (1962-1965)

**Current Memberships:** Laredo-Webb County Bar Association; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation

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### Ricardo H. Hinojosa

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1950

Education: Texas 1972 BA; Harvard 1975 JD

Began Service: May 21, 1983

Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Affiliation:** Chair, United States Sentencing Commission

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Thomas M. Reavley, Texas Supreme Court (1975-1976)

**Government:** Commissioner, United States Sentencing Commission

**Legal Practice:** Associate and Partner, Ewers & Toothaker (1976-1983)

### Staff

Law Clerk **John Baker** ..... (956) 618-8100  
Education: Notre Dame 1990 JD

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### Chambers of District Judge Lynn Nettleton Hughes

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### Lynn Nettleton Hughes

District Judge

Education: Alabama 1963 BA; Texas 1966 JD; Virginia 1992 LL.M.

Began Service: December 17, 1985

Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Academic:** Advisor, Republic of Moldova's Constitution (1993); Advisor, European Community (1989); Chair, Board of Advisors, Houston Journal of International Law (1989-1999); Adjunct Professor, University of Texas School of Law (1990-1991); Advisor, Romanian privatization (1997); Advisor, George Mason University (1999); Adjunct Professor, South Texas College of Law (1973-2003)

**Judicial:** Judge, 165th Judicial District of Texas (1979-1980); Judge, 189th Judicial District of Texas (1981-1985)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1966-1972); Partner, Howard & Hughes (1973-1979)

**Current Memberships:** American Law Institute; American Society for Legal History; Council on Foreign Relations; State Bar of Texas

### Staff

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Education: Vanderbilt BA; Houston JD

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### Chambers of District Judge Kenneth M. Hoyt

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### Kenneth M. Hoyt

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1948

Education: Texas Southern 1969 AB, 1972 JD

Began Service: April 1988

Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Political Affiliation: Republican

**Academic:** Instructor, South Texas College (1981-1982); Adjunct Professor, Thurgood Marshall School of Law (1983-1984)

**Judicial:** Presiding Judge, Texas District Court, 125th Civil District (1981-1982); Justice, Texas Court of Appeals, First District (1985-1988)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Wickliff, King, Hoyt & Jones (1972-1975); Partner, Anderson, Hodge, Jones & Hoyt (1975-1979); Partner, Hoyt, Webster & Andrews (1979-1981); Private Practice (1983-1985)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1972-1978)

**Current Memberships:** National Bar Association; State Bar of Texas

### Staff

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### Sim Lake

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1944

Education: Texas A&M 1966 BA; Texas 1969 JD

Began Service: September 2, 1988

Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Legal Practice:** Fulbright & Jaworski (1969-1970); Fulbright & Jaworski (1972-1988)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1970-1971)

**Current Memberships:** American Law Institute; Houston Bar Association; Houston Bar Foundation; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation

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### Chambers of District Judge Melinda Harmon

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### Melinda Harmon

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946

Education: Radcliffe 1969 AB; Texas 1972 JD

Began Service: 1989

Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable John V. Singleton, Jr., United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas (1973-1975)

**Judicial:** Judge, Texas District Court, 280th Judicial District, Civil Division (1988-1989)

**Legal Practice:** Litigation Section, Exxon Company, United States of America (1975-1988)

**Current Memberships:** Houston Bar Association; Texas Bar Association

### Staff

Career Law Clerk **Nancy Benjamin** ..... (713) 250-5194

Education: Smith 1965 BA; NYU 1966 MA;

Houston 1984 PhD, 1987 JD

Law Clerk **Simon Banyai** ..... (713) 250-5194

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### Chambers of District Judge John D. Rainey

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### John D. Rainey

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1945

Education: Southern Methodist 1967 BBA, 1972 JD

Began Service: May 28, 1990

Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Judicial:** Judge, Texas District Court, 149th Judicial District (1987-1990)

**Legal Practice:** Taylor, Mizell, Price, Corrigan & Smith (1973-1979); Partner, Gilbert, Gilbert & Rainey (1979-1982); Partner, Rainey & LeBoeuf (1982-1986)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1969-1970)

**Current Memberships:** State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation; Victoria County Bar Association

### Chambers of District Judge Samuel B. Kent

613 U.S. Post Office Bldg., 601 Rosenberg, Galveston, TX 77550  
Tel: (409) 766-3551

### Samuel B. Kent

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1949

Education: Texas 1971 BA, 1975 JD

Began Service: October 1, 1990

Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Legal Practice:** Royston, Rayzor, Vickery & Williams (1975-1990)

### Staff

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